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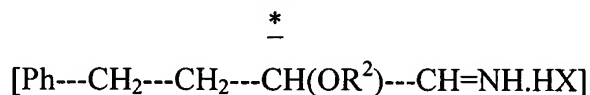
On page 1, after the title, please insert the following new section:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) of International Application No. PCT/IB02/01689 filed May 16, 2002 and published in English as WO 02/094761 A1 on November 28, 2002, which claimed priority from United Kingdom Application No. 0112322.3 filed May 21, 2001, which applications and publication are incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 33, page 3, and ending on page 4, line 5, as follows (please note that the brackets are a part of the text and are not intended to indicate a deletion):

Accordingly, the present invention further provides a process for preparing a compound of formula (I), which process comprises reaction of an intermediate imine of formula (III):



in which R^2 is as defined in formula (I); and X is the anion of an inorganic acid, such as sulphate or halide, preferably halide, more preferably chloride, with an alcohol of formula R^1OH , in which R^1 is as defined in formula (I) and * signifies the (R) stereoisomer.